



The Paddlewheel

Moorhead Rotary Club

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Moorhead Rotary Club 1405 District 5580

President Gina Monson
President-Elect David Sederquist
President Nominee
Treasurer Emily Gess
Secretary Teresa Joppa
Past President Steve Schaefer

Directors (2022) Chris Andreasen & Steve Schaefer
Directors (2023) Tammy Finney & Steve Astrup
Directors (2024) Tracey Moorhead, Ernie Simmons & Megan Wiesneski
RYLA Coordinator Randy Farwell
Polio Plus Coordinator Cindy Nolte
Sergeant at Arms Team
Dave Sederquist, Eric Johnson & Jean Hannig
Program Chair Jean Hannig
Pianist Sharon Fangsrud
Song Leader Bob Hanna
Trivia Master Brent Brandt
Photographer Russ Hanson
Paddlewheel Editor Nancy Edmonds Hanson

June Birthdays

Brandt, Brent Jun 01
Baldwin, Jill Jun 09
Farwell, Randy Jun 18
Joppa, Teresa Jun 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Dovre, Paul & Mardy Jun 03 1958
63 years
Qualey, Neil & Carmen Jun 15 1968
53 years
Wai, Sam & Coralie Jun 20 1976
45 years
Tranby, Dave & Sharon Jun 22 1974
47 years

Rotary Anniversaries


Deilke, Violet 25 years
Jun 04 1996

Meetings

Tuesdays — noon
Moorhead Schools Operations
Center, 1401 30th Ave. S.

Participate via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/742305775?pwd=V0ZTMVl1NldkY2xMbnlHNEdPdIRxdz09>
Meeting ID: 742 305 775
Password: 630851



T-Shirt Alert!

Don't forget to bring your old T-shirts Tuesday! We're donating them to River Keepers to be made into tote bags.

President asks, 'What hooked you on Rotary?'

President Gina Monson welcomed Rotarians in person and on Zoom July 13 with a message about her personal goal for the club in 2021-2022: "Have more fun!" She urged members to bring guests to sample Rotary at an upcoming meeting. "Make it your goal," she said, "to bring at least one."

Gina asked everyone to plan to attend the upcoming club photo session **[now rescheduled for August 10]** at Viking Ship Park. It's going to be the cover of our centennial publication, which is due for distribution at the 100th anniversary celebration in November. The photo will be taken at 5 p.m. west of the Hjemkomst Center; the group can adjourn to Rustica for a club social. She added, "Wear your Rotary shirts!"

Service committee chair Dale Hetland thanked members who volunteered for the YWCA's Cherries for Charity event last week. Another upcoming opportunity was joining the other F-M



Coming Up Tuesday

Our guest speaker is our own Sue Koesterman. Steve Astrup is Rotarian of the day, and Gary Nolte is our sergeant at arms.

Photos/Russ Hanson: Rotarians show off the T-shirts donated so far for the River Keepers project. President Gina Monson. Sergeant at Arms Eric Wilkie. (Right) Dale Hetland and Chris Andreasen. (Left) Teresa Joppa and Gary Nolte.



Centennial Photo — Date Change!

Change in Date: Because of a (second) conflict on the date picked for our centennial club portrait and social, it's been changed again ... to August 10.

We'll gather on the west side of the Hjemkomst Center in Viking Ship Park at 5 p.m. Afterwards, we'll move the gathering to Rustica for a relaxed club social.

Past president Jerry Rogers and President Gina volunteered July 15 to help direct traffic with other F-M Rotarians at the Downtown Street Fair. The five clubs also staffed a booth with information about the Natural Playground project.

Rotary clubs in directing traffic at the Downtown Street Fair.

Jon Andreasen announced another opportunity — the Anne Carlsen Center’s event Aug. 2 through 6. They are looking for people to help teach disabled youngsters to ride a bicycle. To volunteer for iCanBike, go to annecarlsen.org/events/ican-bike/

Members share news, both happy and sad

Sergeant Eric Wilkie capped off his remarks with two light-hearted observations from writer Steve Wright. “Half of the people you know are below average,” he quoted. “Hard work pays off in the future ... laziness pays off right now.”

He led the collection of happy dollars with words of appreciation for past president Jerry and new president Gina, along with a salute to Steve Astrup’s new haircut. Jerry noted all the new service projects — three just this month. Dale Hetland commented that Jon Benson “has promised to attend next week — now show up!” And Gary mentioned doing two programs on polio next week in Bemidji.

Dale shared sad new. Former member Eric Johnson’s wife Kirsten died July 10 in North Carolina on her way home from a last trip to see the ocean. She had fought pancreatic cancer for almost five years.

Telling your own Rotary story

Due to the last-minute cancellation by our scheduled speaker, the club viewed a presentation from the district convention and telling your own



Rotary story to potential members. Presenter Cathy started out as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Australia and was invited to a special meeting and dinner. Within 10 minutes, she said, she had come to know what Rotary was all about. She had just moved to Australia. One member quickly loaned her a computer to use for a year; others loaned her furnishings for her new home.

Back home in Iowa to start her career, 10 years flew by before the local Rotary Club invited her to attend a meeting. She immediately said yes.

“A simple ask was all it took,” she pointed out. “But it was years before that happened.” She suggested using storytelling to entice potential guests’ curiosity. “Have a STAR moment in your story,” she said: Something To Always Remember.

Gina challenged our group to answer three questions for their own stories: What hooked you on Rotary? What will prompt or inspire you more? And who will you invite to a meeting?

Looking Ahead

July 20

Sergeant at ArmsGary Nolte
 Rotarian of the Day.....Steve Astrup
 Program.....Sue Koesterman, Churches United

July 27

Sergeant at ArmsAnne Blackhurst
 Rotarian of the DayJean Hannig
 Program Dr. Tonya Hansen, Covid Recovery

July 27 — Rotary Golf Tournament

1:30 p.m.Moorhead Country Club

August 3

Sergeant at Arms.....Dave Sederquist
 Rotarian of the DayJean Hannig
 Program Heart of Clay Ministry

August 10 — Photo & Club Social

5 p.m.Gather on west side of Hjemkomst
 for 100th anniversary photo
 5:30Club social at Rustica